

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Monday, 21 September 1953

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Messrs. Amory, Helms, Houston,
Sheldon and []

Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted cables from the Senior Representative, [] (19657) concerning [] and asked whether this individual might cause us trouble. Mr. Helms stated [] was an old case and, in fact, had not worked for us in the last four years; therefore, no difficulty was anticipated.

b. Noted a cable from the Senior Representative, [] respecting Senator Mansfield's request that [] provide a briefing and assistance during the Senator's [] and asked Mr. Helms to "think about this" and clear the reply with him. The Director also asked Mr. Houston to obtain Senator Mansfield's itinerary and noted he might possibly send him a personal message.

c. Referred to a Department of the Army cable concerning President [] and passed this message to DDCI for information and any action deemed necessary.

Mr. Amory:

a. Reported that General Cutler had agreed to have George Kennan furnish his comments on a certain paper.

b. Referred to the report that Beria had escaped from Russia and taken refuge in a neutral country and asked whether any action was required by DD/I. The Director said DD/P had already proceeded in this matter and no action was required by DD/I at this time.

c. Reported there was a possibility that an independent study would be made by the Bureau of Economic Research on the growth of the Soviet economic potential and undertook to discuss this with Dean Rusk.

Mr. Sheldon:

a. Briefly reported on the visit of Messrs. [] with the Secretary of State on 20 September, in connection with his speech before the A. F. of L., and expressed concern over the figures the Secretary contemplated using in comparing wages paid to Soviet workers versus the Free World. The Director asked Mr. Sheldon to furnish him a copy of the talk in question.

b. Referred to the briefing to be furnished the Vice President, and after some discussion the Director stated it was his understanding from

Mr. Sheldon (Continued):

a discussion with Mr. Nixon that he preferred a broad operational-type briefing to include the location of our Stations and names of Station Chiefs. However, he (DCI) desired that CIA intelligence officers sit in on the briefing and fill in the Vice President where required, noting that by and large he would receive policy and intelligence briefings from State.

Mr. Helms:

a. Asked whether it was necessary for CIA to tie in with Senator McCarthy's Subcommittee in connection with the report that he had sent one of his investigators abroad to check on the alleged "defection" of Beria. After some discussion the Director expressed the opinion that we should hold up any such action for the time being and possibly until we had received a reply to our cable dispatched on 18 September.

b. Stated that [] had reported he knew nothing of a proposed [] Conference to be held [] for the purpose of discussing a [] The Director said he believed he had noted a reference to this in a report just received [] and would again look at this report.

